

The 1959 law is very exacting in its requirements for annexation, not only in terms of defining the characteristics of the areas which may be eligible but also in terms of the services which the City must provide.

Annexation by Special Legislative Act

Areas may be annexed to cities or towns by a special act of the State Legislature. However, this should be used, only in cases where city owned land is involved or where there is a situation where conditions are so complex or involved as to make annexation by petition or by the 1959 law impossible.

In summary, the three different ways in which land may be annexed to a city are:

- 1) Annexation by petition should be used for small parcels in single ownership as a continual policy of government in extending utilities.
- 2) Annexation by 1959 law should be used for large areas in multiple ownership.
- 3) Annexation by special act of the legislature should only be used when special conditions exist.